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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE TO
BEGIN SEPTEMBER 1

REF: PRETORIA 2739

1. SWA OFFICIALS ANNOUNCED JULY 25 THAT CONSTITUTIONAL
CONFERENCE CALLED BY SWA LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY WITH PROCLAIMED PURPOSE OF
DECIDING FUTURE OEXAMIBILI IS NOW SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN
WINDHOEK SEPTEMBER 1. CONFERENCE APPARENTLY WILL BE
ATTENDED BY ALL POPULATION GROUPS EXCEPT DAMARAS,
WHO ARE THIRD LARGEST GROUP AFTER OVAMBOS AND WHITES.

2. DAMARAS APPARENTLY REMAIN ADAMANT ABOUT REFUSAL
TO ATTEND TALKS UNLESS SWA OFFICIALS MEET CERTAIN
CONDITIONS, AS OUTLINED IN LETTER TO UN SYG WALDHEIM
(PARA 2 REFTL; COPY OF LETTER BEING POUCHED TO AF/S).
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ACCORDING PRESS REPORT JULY 28, THERE IS SOME QUESTION

REGARDING NAMA PARTICIPATION. ACCORDING TO STAR CORRESPONDENT IN WINDHOEK, LEADERS OF SEVERAL NAMA SUB-GROUPS HAVE WITHDRAWN SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPATION, LEAVING MINORITY OF NAMA COUNCIL IN FAVOR OF ATTENDING.

3. NAOIBIA NATIONAL CONVENTION (NNC) REPORTEDLY PLANS INTENSIFIED CAMPAIGN AGAINST CONFERENCE INCLUDING PUBLIC RALLIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS. FOUR SEPARATE RALLIES WERE HELD OVER WEEKEND BY SWAPO, BASTER VOLKSPARTY, DAMARA TRIBLA EXECUTIVE AND SWANU. NNC SOURCES ALSO REPORTED AS SAYING THAT STRIKES MAY BE CALLED TO DEMONSTRATE REJECTION OF TALKS.
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